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BOOKS PUBLISHED BY NBT AND NCERT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of books published by the National Book Trust (NBT) and the National Council of Education Research and Training in English, Hindi and other Indian languages during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the publication of books are more in English than Hindi and other Indian languages; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a)(b)&(c): The number of books published by the National Book Trust, India (NBT) and the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT)in English , Hindi and other Indian languages are given in Annexure I and II respectively.The NBT, during the last three years has published more Hindi books than any other language including English. The NCERT onthe other hand published more English books than Hindi. Thisis because demand for textbooks in Science and Mathematics in Hindi isless as compared with English. Secondly, Hindi books are used in Hindi States only, whereas books in English language are used all over India.Thirdly, considering the demand from the market most of the NCERT general publications i.e. Research Studies/Reports andEducational journals are published in English. Similarly, Urdu books are used in a very few States.

Annexure-I

Language-wise statement of number of titles published by National Book Trust, Indiaduring the financial years 1998-99,1999-2000, 2000-2001

Year	Asamiya	Bangla	English	Gujarati	Hindi	Kanada	Malayalam	Marathi	Oriya	Punjabi	Tamil	Telugu	Urdu	Other languages	Total
1998-1999	72	25	150	17	262	67	23	62	24	19	9	16	32	29	807
1999-2000	21	104	140	38	181	9	37	45	18	24	33	12	6	32	700
2000-2001	22	52	61	29	178	15	165	54	6	22	25	13	53	19	714
Total	115	181	351	84	621	91	225	161	48	65	67	41	91	80	2221

Note: NBT's publications are brought out regularly in the above languages. Publication of books in Kashmiri, Konkani, Manipuri and Nepali is undertaken in very limited scale due to the very bleak sales in these languages. Translations of some children books in some of the North-Eastern language like Garo, Khasi, etc. were brought out on experimental basis. All these have been put together under 'other languages'. This also includes Braille books brought out by the Trust.

Annexure II

Language−wise statement of number of Books (Titles) published by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) during the financial year 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

Year	English	Hindi	Urdu	Bilingual (English & Hindi)
1998-99	159	111	168	3
1999-2000	165	127	27	-
2000-2001	168	119	29	-